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The Honorable
William C. Colby,
Director,
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Dear Mr. Colby:

The directors and officers of the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs are delighted with your favorable response to my suggestion at the Cosmos Club this last Monday that you speak with the Institute. Our members will look forward eagerly to hearing you-- among them, your friends Walter Slowinski and Mike Deutch.

I would suggest a dinner meeting such as we had for Dick Helms on November 4, 1970 at the F Street Club. (Dick, Frank Wisner and I, OSS division chiefs, shared a house in Wiesbaden May, June and July, 1945) Would the evening of March 19, 20 or 21 be convenient? or one week later?

The Institute is a toplevel organization, its membership embracing former Supreme Court Justices, executive department heads, chiefs of military staffs, high State Department officers and ambassadors, and international lawyers, economists, and editors. Our speakers, too, have been toplevel, including Harold Macmillan, Emperor Haile Selassie, the Shah of Iran (twice), King Faisal, Chancellor Kiesinger, Secretaries Rusk, Rogers and Kissinger, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, and many others. All our sessions are off the record.

Mike Deutch will be available, if you wish, to run over with you, as he did with Dick Helms, themes and subjects that seem of most interest to our members.

I should appreciate hearing from you at your convenience. I can be reached most directly at home-- since my work for the Institute is volunteer.

I enjoyed talking with you at the Cosmos Club.
A Very Happy New Year to you, with all success.

Sincerely,